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To: Ombudsman Washington

Subject: Walmart Banking Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

I apologize if I have sent this comment to your site in error, and hopefully, if so, you will refer it to the appropriate site, or advise me accordingly, and I will resend it.

I believe that the average American is stunned to learn that Walmart could become part of America's banking system. Everywhere that Walmart has gone, they have succeeded in putting local businesses out of business, have provided low paying jobs with little or no insurance protection, have used subcontractors who have hired undocumented laborers, and have muscled their way into areas where they are not wanted. It is pitiful to see small towns devastated by this huge box store conglomerate. Main streets are empty of commerce, and city centers are dying - all to save the big bucks at Walmart.

The thought of this conglomerate with already so much power entering the banking business is frightening. We look to the FDIC to stop this. It will indeed be a slippery slope once they get their feet in the door.

Please do the right thing and deny their recent request to mix banking and commerce - something that is in fact illegal in our country. Please help America on this serious, serious moment in our history. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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